

CONFESSED FORGER JUMPS FROM A MOVING TRAIN

As He is Being Brought to the Jail Here and Escapes From the Constable.

SIGNS ANOTHER MAN'S NAME

To a Check For Forty Dollars and Presents the Same to Bank and Is Then Arrested.

WALLACE, Dec. 6.—A bold attempt of forgery was made Wednesday afternoon at Wallace. A man by the name of Clyde Russell, who had been working in the mines near Dola, went into T. J. Parrish's store and asked one of the clerks for one of Mr. Parrish's blank checks. The blank was given him without question. He left the store and proceeded to fill out the check in his own favor for \$40.00. He went across the street to the Wallace Bank and presented the check for payment. The cashier, doubting the signature of the check, asked the bearer who signed it and was informed that T. J. Parrish signed the check himself.

The cashier suggested that he would call Mr. Parrish over to the bank by phone, but the man concluded to go after him himself. He left the bank.

When Mr. Parrish arrived at the bank the check was pronounced a forged check. Constable Wm. A. Johnson was called and asked to arrest the man. A hot foot race followed for about three-quarters of a mile when the constable overtook him. He was brought back to town and a warrant issued. He confessed to the forgery and started to Clarksburg to jail with Constable Johnson on the night train.

The prisoner insisted that he wanted to go to the coach closet and finally the constable permitted him to do so at Erie. Just as the train was leaving there, Russell jumped from the car window and escaped. He has not yet been captured.

BOILER EXPLOSION CAUSES BIG FIRE

Loss Reaches Nearly Half Million Dollars and Several Persons Are Injured.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 6.—A boiler explosion in the four-story factory of the F. J. Harney Shoe Company at West Lynn today destroyed the factory and started a fire that swept over several acres, burning three other factory buildings, the Boston & Maine railroad station, and a number of small dwellings, besides causing injuries to eleven persons.

That there was no loss of life is attributed to the fact that the explosion occurred just before the time for the factory operatives to begin work. The financial loss is \$450,000. Of the injured none will die.

RIVERS CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION

In Washington City, With Nearly One Thousand Delegates Present at Opening of Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Nearly one thousand delegates are here in attendance at today's opening session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Harvey D. Goulder, of Cleveland, president, presides. Speaker Cannon and Representative Burton, chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors are among the speakers at today's session. The object of the convention is to secure an annual appropriation of fifty million dollars from Congress for systematic work in the improvement of the nation's waterways.

BANKER SENT TO PRISON.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—Hagbert Gregson, formerly exchange teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank today pleaded guilty to embezzlement of funds of the bank and was given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary.

STURBS DIES.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 6.—Joseph H. Stubbs, chief of the Indiana bureau of statistics, died at his home here today.

FINE ORATOR IS COMING

Rev. George Vibbert, of Massachusetts, Will Lecture and Preach at Several Places Here.

The Rev. George H. Vibbert, of Massachusetts, whose likeness is here given, will lecture in the court house Friday and Saturday nights of the present week at 7:45 o'clock. His topic will be "Temperance." Mr. Vibbert will also preach in the First Baptist church here next Sunday morning and in the court house in



REV. GEORGE H. VIBBERT.

the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Sunday night he will preach in the Baptist church at Bridgeport. This Thursday night he will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church at Adamston. No admission will be charged at any of these meetings.

Mr. Vibbert is a New England orator of fine ability, as testimonials from the leading writers and lecturers in the country show. Wendell Phillips says of him: "I know him (Mr. Vibbert) well, and can testify to the consummate ability with which he handles the question. Eloquent, impressive and fully informed as to all the details of the question, a man of excellent good sense in managing the argument, he will, I am sure, be a great help in the fight for order and the highest civilization."

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR

Joc Cohen is Elected Worthy President and Mr. Newton Secretary of the Local Aerie.

The Eagles elected officers Wednesday night as follows: Joe Cohen, worthy president. Thomas R. Kearns, worthy vice president.

H. H. Davis, chaplain. T. B. Newton, secretary. J. J. Connell, treasurer. Ray Hornor, inside guard. Mr. Burton, outside guard. A. A. Crawford, John F. Kearns and John S. Clark, trustees.

The newly-elected officers will be installed the first Wednesday night in January, when there will be several initiations, and a social session following.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IS TO BE HELD AT ADAMSTON

Instructors of Coal and Clark Districts to Have Conference on Saturday Afternoon.

The school teachers of Coal and Clark districts of this county will hold an institute Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock in the school house at Adamston. The institute will be in the nature of a conference in which the teachers will discuss their work and methods of teaching. J. Walter Duncan, principal of the Adamston schools will preside. A good attendance is expected.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WILL ELECT OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of the local council of the Knights of Columbus will be held tonight at the meeting of the council in the Eagle hall in the Traders building. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock. It is urged that all the members be present.

LUNATICS TAKEN TO WESTON.

David A. Reed, of Bridgeport and J. J. Barker, of Rinehart, were taken from the county jail to the asylum at Weston Wednesday evening by a guard from the asylum. They are lunatics.

HARRY HENDERSHOT SUICIDES

Lifeless Body Found Suspended From the Door of Closet in His Room.

LEAVES HIS MOTHER A LOVE MESSAGE.

No Reason Can Be Assigned For His Rash Act, and Friends Are Pained Over His Tragic End.

Harry Hendershot was found hanging lifeless at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in room 618 of the Waldo hotel, with a sheet taut round his neck.

The gruesome discovery was made by Mrs. Tetrick, the housekeeper. She was startled to behold him almost suspended from the closet door as she entered. The lifeless body was near the door of the room, resting against the closet door with the tips of his toes barely reaching the floor.

The alarm was at once given and the hotel proprietor and friends rushed to the room only to find him dead in death. He was taken down hurriedly and placed tenderly on the bed. An examination was made, but life was extinct.

Uses a Sheet.
The suicide was done in a very peculiar manner. He took a bed sheet and twisted it into a hard rope. Then he tied one end to the inside knob of the closet door. Next, he looped it over the top of the door, closed the door and looped the sheet around the neck very tight, and thus he was hanged.

Leaves Love Message.
On the dresser was found the following note: "Tuesday.

"Mrs. E. A. Hendershot, 'Powhattan Point,' Belmont County, Ohio.
'My Dear Mother:
' 'Tis because I love you. Hope to meet you, where there is no trouble.
'Most lovingly,
'HAD."

No cause is assigned for his rash act. Apparently he was in good health though he had been treated a week for nervous prostration, leaving St. Mary's hospital last Friday.

He seemed in very happy mood, when he left Wells & Haymaker's drug store at 10:10 o'clock Tuesday night. He was with Victor Merriman until nearly 11 o'clock and accompanied him to his home on West Pike street, appearing in his usual cheerful mood. Returning to the hotel he retired and was last seen alive at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by Alex Lee, the bell boy, who took him ice water and two cigars. About the same time H. L. Wells called up the hotel and inquired whether he was sick or had overslept himself. Hendershot replied over the telephone to the hotel operator, Miss Peck, that he believed he would not go to the store until after lunch, to which Mr. Wells consented.

And at 2 o'clock F. B. Haymaker went to the hotel to inquire as to his being sick and the housekeeper found him dead as stated.

Mr. Hendershot had been here about seven years and was a prominent and popular young pharmacist at Wells & Haymaker's drug store. His age was about 30 years. He had a great many friends and acquaintances and the news of his tragic end is most painful to them.

TAKEN TO HOME OF HIS MOTHER

The body of Harry Hendershot, the young pharmacist who suicided in a room on the sixth floor of the Waldo hotel Wednesday afternoon by hanging himself with a rope made of a bed sheet, was taken to the home of his mother at Powhattan, O., a few miles below Moundsville Thursday afternoon. The funeral and burial will take place there. Accompanying the body were a number of the members of the Clarksburg lodge of Elks to which organization Mr. Hendershot belonged. The lodge marched in a body from the undertaking parlors of the Clifford-Orbison Company to the railroad station when the body was taken to the train. A number of Elks and other friends of the young man will go to Powhattan Friday to attend the funeral.



REPRESENTATIVE ELECT PETER A. PORTER.

Peter A. Porter of Niagara Falls, N. Y., who defeated Congressman James W. Wadsworth, defender of the beef trust, at the recent election, belongs to a famous fighting family. His grandfather was General Peter B. Porter, conspicuous in the war of 1812 and later secretary of war under President John Quincy Adams. His father, Colonel Peter A. Porter, fell at the battle of Cold Harbor in 1864. The congressman elect has been a member of the New York legislature, but is best known as the historian of the Niagara frontier. The emblem under which he made his race against the beef trust congressman was, quite appropriately, a cow, which added amusement to the contest.

FLEET OF FOOT IS THE MOUNTAINEER

Man Walks Fifty-Four Miles in Twenty-One Hours With a Death Message.

That more than one mountaineer of West Virginia would have carried the "message to Garcia" was exemplified a few days since when a rugged native of the Webster hills trudged a distance of fifty-four miles in twenty-one hours to carry out the instructions which were intrusted to him. He finally found those for whom he was looking and told them of the accidental killing of one of their relatives in Parkersburg.

One of the men was Mayor W. E. Arnett, of Fairmont, and the other was Charles B. Chancellor, one of the best known and most successful hardware men in West Virginia, himself and establishment being of Parkersburg.

Luke C. Arnett sent a message to Cowen, Webster county, the evening he was apprised of the accidental shooting and subsequent death of young Chester Peppers, in Parkersburg, asking that Mayor Arnett and Mr. Chancellor, grandfather and uncle of the deceased, respectively, be told of the unfortunate affair. He had tried to reach Holly Junction, where he thought the wanted men were, but the wires were down. A carrier was selected and was promised ten dollars for finding them. He left Cowen soon after 9 o'clock in the evening and went to Webster Springs. The men had left there, he having had a fourteen-mile journey for nothing. But he kept on and went twenty miles farther into the mountainous regions before he learned that the men he wanted to reach had returned to Cowen. He did not go to bed, but "back tracked" and before 6 o'clock the next evening was in Cowen and told Mayor Arnett and Mr. Chancellor of the killing.

Appreciating what the man had done, having traveled more than fifty miles to find him, Mayor Arnett sent the carrier \$25 instead of \$10 for the loyal service he rendered.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

IS ISSUE AT WESTON.

WESTON, Dec. 6.—The municipal ownership convention at the court house last night was very large and enthusiastic. They placed the following ticket in the field: For mayor, Dr. M. S. Holt; alderman, First ward, William Stalnaker; Second ward, William Dolan; Third ward, James Bohan; Fourth ward, J. C. Childister.

Each candidate was required by the convention to stand upon the platform and pledge his support to the municipal ownership cause if elected, and use every effort to take over the water works and electric light plant, now owned by a private corporation.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 6.—The pardon board today commuted the death sentences of Jesse and Milton Rawlins to life imprisonment.

SPIDER BELL KILL HIS MAN

In Disorderly House at Steubenville, Formerly Resided in Clarksburg.

"Spider" Bell, who made Clarksburg his home for several years, is under arrest in Steubenville, O., on a charge of murder. Dispatches state that Bell shot and killed William Roach in a disorderly house conducted by Mrs. Mollie Whiter.

According to the story of the shooting, the Whiter woman has been circulating evil reports concerning Bell, and while intoxicated he started for her house with the intention of "cleaning it out."

When he arrived there he found Roach, who left a room on the second floor and started down the stairway to put Bell out. Bell did not wait for him to reach him, but fired twice from his revolver, both bullets entering Roach's body, and one passing through his heart killing him instantly. Roach sank to the floor and was dead when aid arrived. Bell was placed under arrest and is now in the Steubenville jail.

Roach, the victim of the tragedy, is about 34 years of age, and his home was in Nova Scotia. Bell is about the same age. His correct name is Harry S. Bell, and his parents are living in Steubenville. His father is a teamster.

Bell had been in trouble of some sort a number of years ago, and for that reason left Steubenville, and came to Clarksburg. He was a professional gambler and he followed that calling here. He remained in Clarksburg a number of years, and was never engaged in any crimes while here. He was rather mild mannered and inoffensive, but was said to be a dangerous man when drinking.

DOCTORS MEET IN PARKERSBURG TODAY

In the Annual Session and Will Try To Raise Standard of Profession.

Thursday afternoon at the Chancellor at Parkersburg, a number of physicians from many points in the state met. Matters pertaining to legislation concerning the profession will be taken up and some definite provisions decided upon to put before the legislature at Charleston in the coming term.

At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Medical Association, held at Webster Springs last May, a committee of four members of the society from each congressional district in the state was appointed to attend this meeting.

One of the most desired changes wanted by the society is that the applicant to practice medicine must put forth a higher standard than that of simply passing the required examination and putting up the usual fee of ten dollars. The committee and members of the society hope to make it a law that the applicant must be a graduate of some good school before being allowed to practice medicine.

The physicians believe the laws of West Virginia in this regard are not as they should be, and the purpose of the meeting is to adopt a measure and send a good representation of physicians to Charleston to get it through.

AGED MAN OF MT. CLARE IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Camp Cain Passes Away at the Ripe Old Age of Eighty-Five Years.

Camp Cain, an aged resident of Mt. Clare, died at his home at that place Wednesday night at 11 o'clock after a lingering illness with disease incident to old age. Mr. Cain was 85 years old.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Services will be held at the late home and the burial will be in the Cain cemetery.

INSURGENT LEADER

KILLED IN ATTACK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Dominion Minister Joubert today received a dispatch from his government stating that a party of twelve insurgent leaders who gathered at Puerto Plata had been attacked by government forces. Perico LaSalla was killed and the remainder of the party arrested.

HOWARD HALEY IS SUMMONED

By the Angel of Death and Burial Will be at Bridgeport Friday Noon.

Howard Haley died at the home of his nephew, C. W. Haley, 422 W. Pike street at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after an illness of 29 days with neuralgia, aged 58 years.

Mr. Haley was born in Virginia but came to this county when quite young. He was a well known teamster. Surviving him of the immediate family is one sister, Mrs. Louise Harmon, wife of William Harmon, of Bridgeport. He was never married.

The body will be taken to Bridgeport and buried there Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SUICIDE WAS TO BE MARRIED SOON

Was Engaged to a Miss Fleming, of National Road, Near City of Wheeling.

A pathetic incident in connection with the suicide of Harry Hendershot Wednesday was the fact that he was shortly to be married. The Wheeling Intelligencer speaking of the suicide says he went to Wheeling about four weeks ago and remained ten days. That paper states that he was shortly to be married to a Miss Fleming, of the National Road, and his visit there was for the purpose of making arrangements for his marriage.

OPENING OF BIDS

FOR LANDS POSTPONED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock today issued an order postponing from the 10th to the 15th instant the opening of sealed bids for pasture and wood reserve lands in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservation in Oklahoma.

LETTER ABOUT DESERTERS.

Lieutenant of Police Nicholas Whyte received a communication from Commander Swift of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Wednesday evening regarding William Muir and Henry Custer, the two deserters from the U. S. warship Connecticut, who are in jail here. He is authorized to procure transportation from Washington for the two prisoners and a Clarksburg officer and then have them taken to the navy yard. Mr. Whyte has sent for the transportation.